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The subterranean concrete bunker, said to have links to the Dambusters, is being sold with two acres of prime commuter belt land

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A forgotten Second World War shelter with rumoured links to the Dambusters raid is to go up for auction with a guide price of £165,000.

Foxwarren Bunker, near Cobham in Surrey, is being sold with 2.1 acres of commuter belt woodland — but no planning permission for the site.

Michael Mercer of auctioneers Strettons, who is representing the lot, has never sold an air raid shelter.

“We don’t exactly get wartime bunkers offered to us every month. It’s definitely an unusual one.”



THE HARD-TO-FIND ENTRANCE TO THE BUNKER

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Today the subterranean bunker is a source of intrigue for amateur explorers, who have documented visits on YouTube and websites

Built into a bank in the forest, its foreboding entrance leads down into an H-shaped bunker with reinforced concrete walls — a departure from the corrugated iron sheets typical of traditional air raid shelters.

Sensible wartime planners installed a vertical escape shaft at the far end, which is now inaccessible thanks to a broken ladder and large tree root.

It would have been constructed using a cut and cover technique, with the structure of the tunnels built within an excavated site and then covered with the backfill material.

